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SUBJ: ECHEVERRIA CANDIDACY FOR UNSYG

REF: STATE 217778

1. FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPECIAL ADVISOR FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS INDICATED SEPT 8 THAT GOB DID NOT SUPPORT ECHEVERRIA CANDIDACY FOR UNSYG. BRAZIL WAS SATISFIED WITH PERFORMANCE AND LOW KEY MANNER OF WALDHEIM AND THOUGHT HE DESERVED SECOND TERM. HE SAID HOWEVER THAT GOB RECOGNIZED IT WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE ON SUBJECT AND "CIRCUMSTANCES" COULD COMPEL BRAZIL TO VOTE RELUCTANTLY FOR ECHEVERRIA, ADDING THAT BRAZIL GREATLY VALUES ITS RELATIONS WITH MEXICO. HE NOTED THAT KEY UNKNOWN IN ECHEVERRIA'S PROSPECTS WAS DEGREE OF SUPPORT HE WOULD RECEIVE FROM LOPEZ PORTILLO AFTER HE BECOMES
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PRESIDENT. HE OBSERVED THAT MEXICAN PRESIDENTS

GENERALLY LOSE MOST OF THEIR INFLUENCE AS SOON AS THEY
LEAVE OFFICE.

2. COMMENT: CLEARLY GOB PREFERS WALDHEIM OVER
ECHEVERRIA IN UNSYG ROLE, BUT PUSHED TO THE WALL BY
OTHER LDC'S IN CONTEXT OF THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY,
GOB MIGHT FIND IT DIFFICULT TO WITHHOLD VOTE FROM
ECHEVERRIA. END COMMENT.
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